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Dear Ms. Hesse et al,

The proposed settlement with Microsoft leaves MS in the position of controlling the inner workings of most of our computers, which position the judges have found MS abused to the detriment of the people.

I believe the best solution is to "nationalize" their windows operating systems so that a single standard can be agreed among competitors, instead of MS continually manipulating things to keep others' software hobbled or buggy.

The precedent is the US establishing a single standard for telephony decades ago so we can all call each other on the phone. And the parallel catastrophe is the Babylon of cell phone standards which have made cell phones far more prevalent overseas where standards exist.

Personally, MS was a catastrophe for me because in 1998 their Outlook program lost my entire address book -hundreds of email addresses- as well as thousands of emails. It took years to recover.

As a programmer since 1968, I assure you there is no reason for buggy software which wastes so many people-years of time, except that MS has eliminated the competition and dominates with their inferior, rushed-to-distribution, insecure stuff.

Sincerely,

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